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SUBJECT: SSOD: IRAQI RESOLUTION FORMALLY INTRODUCED IN
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1. SUMMARY. IRAQ FORMALLY INTRODUCED ITS DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ARMS FOR ISRAEL IN SSOD AD HOC COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE OF WHOLE) JUNE 7. IT DID NOT ASK FOR VOTE BUT HAS VOLUNTEERED TO NUMBER OF DELS THAT IT WILL ASK FOR VOTE AT SOME FUTURE TIME. ONLY OTHER SPEAKER ON THIS SUBJECT WAS ISRAEL. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING SSOD AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 7 IRAQI DEL KITTANI, IN RATHER LOW-KEY STATEMENT, FORMALLY INTRODUCED DRAFT RES ON MILITARY COLLABORATION WITH ISRAEL ON BEHALF OF 26 COSPONSORS (THOSE LISTED USUN 2272-NOTAL
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PLUS ALGERIA). HE DID NOT CALL FOR VOTE BUT IRAQIS HAVE MADE CLEAR IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH US AND OTHERS THAT THEY DO INTEND TO ASK FOR VOTE AT SOME UNDETERMINED STAGE.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. KITTANI DREW ATTENTION TO FACT THAT RES WAS INTRODUCED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 9 DEALING WITH

INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT, INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NOT UNDER ITEMS 10, 11 OR 12 ON DISARMAMENT DECLARATION, PROGRAM OF ACTION AND MACHINERY FOR NEGOTIATION. HE CLAIMED THAT "CONTINUED ESCALATION" OF ISRAELI ARMAMENT ADVERSELY AFFECTED INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF STATES IN AREA. IN REVIEWING PREAMBULAR PARAS OF RES, HE NOTED US COMPLAINT RE ISRAELI USE OF CLUSTER BOMBS IN LEBANON BUT COMMENTED THAT ISRAEL WAS "IMMUNE" FROM ACTION THAT US HAD TAKEN AGAINST ANOTHER STATE FOR "MUCH LESS SERIOUS" ACTIVITY. HE CITED NON-ALIGNED MINISTERS' APPROVAL OF NACB RECOMMENDATION ON "ESCALATION OF ISRAELI CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS" AND COMMENDED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO ALL MEMBERS.

4. THERE WERE NO OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM UNTIL END OF MEETING WHEN ISRAELI REP CAHANA NOTED THAT INTRODUCTION OF IRAQI RES MARKED "DETERIORATION" IN WORK OF COMMITTEE. HE SAID DRAFT RES WAS "FULL OF LIES AND DISTORTIONS" AND NOTED IT WAS INITIATED BY A COUNTRY THAT HAS REJECTED ALL EFFORTS AT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN ME AND SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. MAJORITY OF SPONSORS HAD BEEN IN STATE OF WAR WITH ISRAEL FOR OVER 30 YEARS, CAHANA REMARKED, AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE ISRAEL DEPRIVED OF ARMS WHILE THEY CONTINUED TO AMASS THEM. HE WAS NOT SURPRISED AT INTRODUCTION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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DRAFT RES BUT FOUND IT REGRETTABLE THAT UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY SSOD TO MAKE LIVES OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT WORLD MORE SECURE WAS BEING DESTROYED AND DELS WERE FACED WITH WITH DIVISIVE RES INSTEAD OF CONSENSUS DOCUMENT. HE CONCLUDED THAT IRAQI PROPOSAL RAN COUNTER TO AIMS OF THOSE STRIVING FOR CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT AT SSOD.

5. IN BRIEF REPLY KITTANI SAID HE WOULD NOT BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF "EXTRANEIOUS MATTERS" AND APPEALED TO ALL DELS TO CONFINE THEMSELVES TO SUBJECT OF RES -- ISRAEL'S MILITARY BUILDUP AND MILITARY COLLABORATION WITH ISRAEL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

6. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. EC-9 IS PREPARED TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ANY RULING BY CHAIR TO DEFER VOTE ON IRAQI RES UNTIL AFTER ACTION ON MAIN DOCUMENT BEFORE COMMITTEE, AND WEOS (EXCEPT MALTA) ARE REPORTEDLY ALL PREPARED TO VOTE AGAINST RES IF IT COMES TO VOTE. WE WOULD ALSO ANTICIPATE NEGATIVE VOTES FROM A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICANS, BUT MANY DELS ARE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND HAVE NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES SPECIFICALLY.

7. COMMENT. IRAQI DECISION TO CONFINE TODAY'S ACTION TO SINGLE INTRODUCTION OF RES FOLLOWED LUNCHEON DISCUSSION BETWEEN KIHANI AND AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ORTIZ AND MAY WELL REFLECT IRAQI ASSESSMENT THAT IT WOULD HAVE LOST A PROCEDURAL CONFRONTATION AT THIS TIME AND MIGHT HAVE ANTAGONIZED A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS. YOUNG

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